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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: A. KUROKAWA et al
Serial No. 09/639,754
Filed: August 15, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2823
Examiner: S. Brairton
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR
FABRICATING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Box: Patent Application
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/639,754, filed on August 15, 2000, entitled SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE SAME, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee						\$ 740.00
Total Claims	2	-	20	=	0 x 22 =	
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0 x 82 =	
Total Filing Fee						\$ 740.00

3. A check including the amount of \$740.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 1-15 before calculating the Filing Fee. A Preliminary Amendment is submitted herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

-- This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/639,754 filed August 15, 2000. --.

7. New drawings are enclosed, thirteen (13) sheets, Figs. 1-22.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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24956

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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.

9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

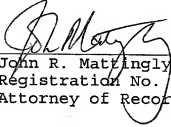
10. Priority of the following Japanese patent applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 11-232378, filed August 19, 1999;

No. 2000-216848, filed July 18, 2000.

The certified priority documents have been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/639,754, as originally filed on August 15, 2000.



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